

Childhood Immunisations Given in Secondary School

The Immunisation Team are responsible for the planning and delivery of the school-age immunisation programmes in Surrey. The vaccination programmes are primarily carried out in schools, although we also offer clinics in other community settings for home-educated children and other children depending on their individual needs.

During your child's time at secondary school, they will be offered the following vaccinations:

Year	Vaccination	Description
Year 7 – 11 Aged 11 to 16	Flu	Carried out during the Autumn term. This is offered via a nasal spray. We can also offer an alternative vaccination, which does not contain porcine gelatine, this is delivered by injection into the arm.
Year 8 Aged 12 to 13	HPV	This is offered to both girls and boys in Year 8, normally during the Summer Term. The HPV virus increases the risk of developing some cancers in later life, such as: cervical cancer, some mouth and throat cancers and some cancers of the anus and genital areas. Evidence is clear that the HPV vaccine helps protect both boys and girls from HPV-related cancers.
Year 9 Aged 13 to 14	Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio (Td/IPV)	This is given in Year 9, normally in the Spring term, and is sometimes called the final school booster. Tetanus is a painful disease affecting the nervous system and is caused when germs found in soil and manure get into the body through open wounds. Diphtheria is a serious disease that often begins with a sore throat. It can damage the heart, nervous system and in severe cases may kill. Polio is a virus that attacks the nervous

		system and can cause paralysis of the muscles if it affects the chest muscles or brain it can kill.
Year 9 Aged 13-14	Meningitis ACWY	This is also given in Year 9 alongside the Td/IPV vaccine. This vaccine protects against the four main groups of meningococcal bacteria that can cause meningitis (infection of the layers that surround the brain and spinal cord) and septicaemia (blood poisoning) meningococcal disease is rare but really serious and can lead to amputation, hearing loss, brain damage and scars.

Your child needs five doses of tetanus, diphtheria and polio to build up and maintain immunity. This is normally given at 8, 12, & 16 weeks and again aged 3, with the final dose given in Year 9. You can find your child's preschool vaccination history in their Red Book where early childhood immunisations should be recorded, alternatively, you should contact your GP.

Your school will liaise directly with you, at the appropriate time, in order to complete the necessary consent forms.

For more information on our service, visit:

<https://childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk/services/immunisations>

Further details on the full childhood vaccination programme can be found at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/>

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